Review meeting of Government officials by Shri K.C. Pant in J & K

344. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government's interlocutor on Jammu and Kashmir Mr. K.C. Pant recently held a review meeting of senior Government officials to take stock of the progress made on various issues raised by various groups during his visit to the State;

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed during the three hours meeting; and

(c) the reaction of Government officials of different departments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Shri K.C. Pant, the Union Government's interlocutor on Jammu and Kashmir, had taken internal meetings on June 16 and July 7, 2001 with senior officials of on various issues raised during his visit to J and K from May 28 to June 2, 2001 which includes the problems of 1947 migrants from PoK, relief to the migrants of border villages, developmental issues like power shortage, promotion of exports, horticulture package, upgradation of industrial estates, revival of tourism, development of Leh and Kargil districts, etc. However, no formal meeting with senior officials of the Central Ministries/Departments/Government of J and K has been held.

(c) The question does not arise.

Deterioration in Law and Order in North-Eastern States after Cease-fire

345. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that law and order situation in the North-Eastern States has considerably deteriorated on account of the extension of the cease-fire with NSCN;